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New York, January 25th, 1955

Dear Professor Lederberg:

As you probably know, Peter Day is putting in an application for a six months' extension of his Commonwealth Fund Fellowship. He feels that this extra time will be necessary to round out and bring to satisfactory conclusion the studies he has been undertaking with you and your colleagues this year.

Extensions of Fellowships are granted by the Commonwealth Fund's Executive Committee to especially outstanding Fellows who have sound reasons for an extended stay. The criteria are shown on the attached sheet. We should very much appreciate it if, as soon as possible, you would give us your opinion of Mr. Day and your judgment whether or not he meets the criteria for extension.

Sincerely yours,

*Lansing V. Hammond*

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Criteria for Extensions

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1. Outstanding ability - The Fellow should have won the respect of those with whom he is working and be considered a man of distinct promise in his professional field; in ability and industry he should measure up to the best of American graduate scholars or post-doctoral fellows. Without neglect of his studies, the Fellow should be showing capacity and interest to broaden his understanding of American people, life customs, and institutions.
2. Valid reasons for extension - It should be clear that the extension is required in order to round out studies that can be carried out to particular advantage in the United States and will be terminated within the period of extension.
3. Return to home country - There should be no question that the Fellow is seeking primarily to prolong his stay in this country or that he is avoiding return for any reason, or that extension is likely to make his return difficult or promote permanent residence in the United States.